

City News

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Shaping the Future of Transportation in Veneta

The City of Veneta urges residents to participate in the crafting of a Transportation System Plan (TSP) that will guide the expansion and operation of Veneta's network of roads, bike paths, transit, sidewalks, crosswalks, signage, and more for the next 20 years.

To facilitate citizen input, the City has posted an interactive "TSP Comment Map" and a project website and will host two Open Houses to hear public comment.

Visitors to the online map <http://venetatsp.org/comment-map/> can post comments and concerns about specific transportation issues, such as intersections they deem dangerous or areas where a bike path or crosswalk might be appropriate. Follow the project website <http://venetatsp.org> containing all documents related to this project in order to be prepared to participate in the first Open

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Celebrate Arbor Day at Farmers Market

On October 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the City of Veneta will celebrate its eighth year as a Tree City USA Community with an annual Arbor Day event hosted by the Veneta Park Board/Tree City Board. Held in conjunction with the Veneta Downtown Farmer's Market at 3rd and W. Broadway, the event will include a guest speaker, interactive activities, refreshments, a free raffle, and more. This special event comes just two weeks

before the Market closes for the season on October 28.

Sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, the Tree City program recognizes the importance of an urban tree canopy and encourages communities to care for their trees. A healthy and sustainable urban forestry program reduces costs for stormwater management and erosion control, reduces energy consumption, and boosts property

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Leaf Pick Up

With the arrival of fall, the City of Veneta will begin picking up bagged leaves left at curbside in October and will continue to do so on Tuesday and Thursday of each week until the end of January 2018. Bags are to contain leaves only, no garbage or other yard debris, and must be tied shut and left curbside. As an alternative, residents may place leaves in the yard debris container provided by Sanipac or use them for mulch or compost for gardens and flowerbeds.

The City also reminds residents to keep basketball hoops, garbage cans, and other impediments on their own properties so that street sweepers can operate properly and pedestrians can use the sidewalks. For the complete definition of "Public rights-of-way" please see Veneta Municipal Code *Chapter 12.15.010*.

The City's intent is to ensure pedestrian safety and to maintain its streets and drainage systems. Contact the Code Enforcement Officer Teresa Warrick with questions about City ordinances at (541) 935-2191.

CITY OF VENETA - CIVIC CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2017

Veneta Administrative Center - 88184 8th Street, Veneta, Oregon

		
3	Veneta Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall	6:30 p.m.
4	Veneta Park Board Meeting - City Hall	4:30 p.m.
9	Veneta City Council Work Session - City Hall	5:30 p.m.
	Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall	6:30 p.m.
	Veneta Urban Renewal Agency Meeting - Immediately following City Council Meeting	
11	Veneta Economic Development Committee Meeting - City Hall	2:00 p.m.
14	Tree City Celebration - Farmers' Market site corner of 3rd St. & W. Broadway	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
19	Municipal Court - City Hall	8:30 a.m.
23	Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall	6:30 p.m.
28	"Meet the Sergeant" (Lane County Sheriff's Office contract Sergeant for the City of Veneta) - Fern Ridge Library	1:00 p.m.
31	Happy Halloween	

Transportation

House in January. Watch the site for the specific date, time, and location.

"We encourage residents to get informed and stay engaged," said Community Development Director Kay Bork, "As we evaluate and prioritize projects, it's important that we hear from those who use the transportation system the most and are keenly aware of areas of the most concern."

As part of the TSP, an engineering firm will review all aspects of the City's transportation network and forecast the impacts of employment and population growth on

the infrastructure. They will analyze housing and employment land use patterns to determine where development is most likely to happen, as well as travel patterns and traffic impacts based on population and employment density. Priorities include providing safe routes to schools and major activity centers. But, according to Community Development Director Kay Bork, "An engineer's evaluation is critical, but local knowledge is invaluable."

For more information, contact Bork at kbork@ci.veneta.or.us or 541 935-2191.

Arbor Day

values. According to Community Development Director Bork, Veneta meets all four requirements to be named a Tree City USA Community, and that's worth celebrating.

"The Park Board will give away pine cone birdfeeders; and there will be raffle items related to gardening, Oregon Duck paraphernalia, birding, Arbor Day, flowering trees; and provide educational materials about tree planting," she said.

Certified Arborist and Park Board Member Matt Horowitz will share findings from five-years of his research

on weaving willows for erosion control, an idea inspired by the strength of woven willow furniture. A test plot in Zumwalt Park is proving very successful and could easily be replicated, according to Horowitz. "It's easy to do, does not require permits or disturb archeological sites, and is very cost-effective," he said. "The willows also act as a biological barrier that is very similar to the City's bio swales."

Also returning for the 3rd year at the event is Apple Springs Organic Farm. They will once again demonstrate how to press apples into fresh cider and offer samples.

Brush up on Back to School Safety

As students head back to school, now is a great time for children, parents and motorists to brush up on school transportation safety.

For drivers, that means slowing down in school zones and keeping an eye out for children alongside the roadways. According to Lane County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Steve Sieczkowski. Drivers need to slow down in school zones. "When those School Zones lights are flashing in school zones or the signage defines the school zones times, drivers must slow to 20 mph," said Sieczkowski. Fines for speeding in a school

zone increase incrementally with each 10 mph over the limit and any violation in school zones automatically doubles. So violating the crosswalk rule in a school zone, for instance, could yield a citation of around \$520.00.

We encourage all drivers to pay extra attention to the additional foot traffic along with the vehicles and busses. Children will be crossing roads and distractions like cell phones, radios and conversations could reduce reaction times. Plan ahead and give yourself ample time to get to your destination.



Looking for Garbage & Recycling Information?

Please visit <http://www.venetaoregon.gov/community/page/garbage-recycling>

You will find helpful links about:



- Residential & Commercial Garbage Service
- Recycling
- Composting
- Transfer Site Locations
- Hazardous waste



Veneta Park Board Presents

Fall Arbor Day Event

Presentations:

~Live Willow Weaving Erosion
Control Demonstration Project

by Matt Horowitz, Certified Arborist

~How to Choose Trees at the Nursery

by Gloria Loves Gardening

~Apple Spring Organics Cider Press

Free Raffle & Refreshments

with Veneta's Downtown Farmer's Market

Arrive by bike & get an extra raffle ticket

Saturday, October 14th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

3rd & W. Broadway



Leaf Pick Up & Ditch Maintenance

Leaf Pick-Up

The City of Veneta will begin picking up bagged leaves left at curbside the first Tuesday in October through the end of January. There may be an occasion where the Public Works department is unable to pick them up as scheduled, if you feel that you were missed entirely, please call City Hall at 541-935-2191.

- ✂ Leaves will be picked up on Tuesday and Thursday of each week through the last Thursday in January.
- ✂ Bags are to contain leaves only, no garbage or other yard debris.
- ✂ Bags must be tied shut.
- ✂ As an alternative you may place leaves in your Yard Debris Roll Cart provided by Sanipac or use them for mulch or compost for gardens and flower beds.
- ✂ Citizens are asked to help reduce flooding by not raking leaves into gutters or storm drains.
- ✂ Depositing leaves or other debris in a drainage way or street is a violation of Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 13.15.010.
- ✂ If you want leaves for compost, please contact City Hall at 541-935-2191

Ditch Maintenance

City officials want to remind residents to clean up drainage ditches in preparation for another rain-soaked winter. "The flow (of water) should not be impeded in any way," says Public Works Director Kyle Schauer, adding that it is common for uninformed city residents to put leaves or grass clippings in the low spots of drainage ditches.

- ✂ Maintenance should ensure that water flows through ditches, so residents should never plug ditches and drainages or allow brush to inhibit flows.
- ✂ When drainage ditches get blocked it causes them to overflow, leading to flooding and major damage to roads, landscaping and nearby houses.
- ✂ Depositing leaves or other debris in a drainage way or street is a violation of Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 13.15.010.
- ✂ Residents should be aware that some properties contain protected wetlands. Special care should be taken when removing vegetation. If you have any questions about the wetlands you can call Associate Planner Lisa Garbett for more information at 541-935-2191.



Recycling Opportunities in Veneta!

Great Reasons to Recycle!

- Recycling reduces the amount of waste that ends up in landfills.
- Recycling conserves precious natural resources like wood, water, and minerals.
- Recycling saves energy.
- Recycling reduces emissions that contribute to global climate change.
- Recycling can save businesses and residents money due to decreased trash volume.

Implementing recycling for your business or institution is a great way to engage your staff in protecting your resources and adapting purchasing policies to generate less waste. Recycling options are available for a number of non-standard materials such as food waste, wood, metal, select plastics, and concrete. Please inquire with Sanipac if you are interested in taking advantage of any of these options.



Recycling Services - Residential & Commercial

Recycling services in Veneta are administered by Sanipac. www.sanipac.com

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RESIDENTIAL:

Curbside recycling is picked up every other week. Residents who have signed up for trash service will receive a recycling can to be used for recyclable materials. Follow this link to see what items are recyclable. <http://www.sanipac.com/recycling/>

Yard debris is picked up every other week (alternating with recycling) except for the months of April, May, and November when it is picked up weekly. Follow this link to see what can go into the yard debris can. http://www.sanipac.com/yard_debris/



You can also download the free Sanipac App on iTunes or Google Play. The app will send you a reminder the night before pickup on what cans to put out, along with the Waste Wizard, which provides information on all recycling options in the area. <http://www.sanipac.com/download/>

COMMERCIAL:

Sanipac offers cart, container, and roll-off box options for commercial recycling. Please call Sanipac to discuss the best services to meet your needs. Follow this link to see what items can go into your commingle can or container:

<http://www.sanipac.com/recycling/>

HELPFUL LINKS:

- Home composting: <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Residential/Pages/Composting.aspx>
- Waste prevention and re-use: <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/mm/Pages/Waste-Prevention-and-Reuse.aspx>
- Lane County Transfer Sites: <https://lanecounty.hosted.civicle.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3585881&pageId=4225287>
- Household Hazardous Waste disposal: <https://www.lanecounty.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3585881&pageId=4238900>
- City Wide Annual Clean-Up: <http://www.venetaoregon.gov/community/page/city-wide-clean>

Would you like to volunteer, discuss, or have questions about recycling? We are always open to new and creative ways to promote local recycling. Please contact PJ Silva if you would like to discuss development and implementation of recycling education.

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